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*from the*  
**PRESIDENT'S DESK**

I'd like to begin by thanking all who had helped me in Boston at the TEC table. It was a great success this year. The A.N.A. had set us up in a very good spot where people were coming and going by. So of course many stopped at our TEC table. Also thanks to Frank Brazzell, Brad Ream, John Spadome, Irving Canter and the many others for their donations of give aways at our TEC table.

Our TEC annual meeting also was a great success. Most of the officers were there early to greet the members and talk of what they did all year. The meeting started on time and I myself can really say it was a very good meeting. Angelo Rosato of New Milford, Conn. gave a report on his coming new book that will soon be ready for printing soon. A sample copy of his book was shown to the members. The book has over 1000 pages to read and look at. This is truly an outstanding book, so I suggest all members start saving to buy this book. It is a must to all serious elongated collectors. I was happy to see Angie there and was grateful for his report to us all. Angie has been in bad health lately so we all wish him to keep on getting better. Angie also gave out his price list and a special coin he had made.

Our donation of \$203. to the A.N.A. was given to the A.N.A. treasurer Bill Henderson. The Exec. Director Ed Rochette already acknowledged our donation and has sent us a thank you letter. Bill Henderson has suggested that with this money we have elongated coin slides made, so many other clubs can borrow them. This way more clubs can see what elongated coins are all about. We also may get some new members out of this.

Our TEC auction was held by Frank Brazzell who did an outstanding job. We had some very rare pieces in the auction and the coins brought in \$208. for the treasury. Thanks to all who have donated to help make this possible.

I also showed many of my hand painted Philatelic Numismatic Combined Covers with elongated coins that I made myself. I've been making some for years. When the snow is up to our knees in the winter is a good time to do this. All the covers have elongated coins in them. I also designed a wooden souvenir sheet with a Connecticut Broken Bank Note on

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PRESIDENT'S DESK

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it. I left a place where an elongated coin or elongated token could be added to this. The postoffice accepted my special cancellation and this was used for three days at the N.E.N.A. Convention which I ran in Hartford, Conn. At the S.P.A.N. meeting I was presented the Woman of the Year Award for my work on my covers. Its a very interested hobby and our elongated coins take a special place in the Philatelic Numismatic world.

As to our freebees or give aways I think everyone received a good share of all. From what I counted there were 40 or more free coins to all. Only one person wrote in and thanked us but I hope they all appreciated them. So thanks to all that gave to make this a very good meeting.

Irving Canter was awarded the president plaque that the president gives for helping me the most during the year. Others helped to but I can only give one plaque.

An award coin was given to Irving Canter and Frank Brazzell that I specially designed for this and gave to them. More on this in the January issue.

Others that received plaques were Lee Martin and Dottie for the book Yesterdays Elongates they put out in 1981. Also Lee Martin gets a past presidents plaque. These are being sent to them. Irving Canter also received the Literary Award for his articles in the TEC NEWS. My chairman of this award committee Vice Pres, Richard Grabowski said, this was a very close race as some good articles in the TEC NEWS during the past year. So folks keep sending those articles in and you may be lucky to win this award to.

I think I can say I had a good year as we got many things done even with all our problems. I can truly say God was good to us as in time of trouble many of our TEC members joined in and helped us. So thank you all for all the help given us. All I can say is, I love you, I love you all. May the good Lord Bless you All. With God willing we will see you all next year to enjoy another good year.

Sally Kirka - TEC President

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Camera ready - Full page ad \$25.00      ½ page \$15.00      ¼ page \$10.00

## DEADLINE NOTICE

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

November 20, 1982

## T.E.C. 1982 ANNUAL MEETING - SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Elongated Collectors held their annual meeting at the Fairfax B Conference Room at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, on August 20, 1982, in Boston, Massachusetts at the A.N.A. convention.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Sally Kirka. After an introduction of some of the V.I.P. members and guests, president Sally Kirka introduced the officers of TEC that were present at the TEC meeting. Those attending other than President Sally Kirka were Secretary Al Kirka and Board of Directors members, Cliff Roth and Irving Canter. Then the president had everyone attending the meeting introduce themselves. It seems Vice President Richard Grabowski was driving around town looking for a parking space and came in later on. On Friday the city is jammed and not many parking spaces are available.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the 1981 secretary's report as it was published in the TEC NEWS. Two corrections were made in the 1981 report. One was to correct the misspelling of a name and the other was to list Richard Grabowski as Vice President.

A motion was made and passed to put the Treasurer's report in TEC News as the treasurer was absent from the meeting, but did give a report at the Board of Directors meeting to the officers. This will be done.

The Board of Directors meeting report was read by president Sally Kirka for the secretary, Al Kirka, as Al could not talk above a whisper having just coming off a respirator a week ago and not able to talk very loud. Motion made and passed to accept the minutes of the Board meeting.

President Sally Kirka then presented a check for \$203.00 to the A.N.A. treasurer, Bill Henderson, who is also a TEC member, to give to the A.N.A. This money was donated by the members themselves for this worthy cause. It was suggested that we let Bill Henderson find out the best way to use this money in the name of TEC. A motion was made and passed to let Bill do this and he will give us a report on this. Bill suggested we make up a set of slides about elongated coins for other clubs to use. The A.N.A. would make up the slides and be in charge of this.

President Kirka then introduced Ruby Threlkeld who walked in just then. Ruby recently lost her husband and president Sally Kirka gave her condolences from TEC. Ruby was the past Vice President and Historian for four years. Another member who recently lost his wife was Board member Cliff Roth. His lovely wife of 52 years passed away on July 15, 1982. Again our deepest sympathy to our good friend Cliff Roth.

President Kirka then said she made an Award Coin and would give it out to the members who have done many things for her and TEC. Only two members were given a complete set of six coins and they were Irving Canter and Frank Brazzell. Those that receive one coin will be Richard Grabowski, Brad Ream, Jack Huggins, Chester Grabowski, Dottie Dow, Lee Martin, Coin World and Al Kirka.

President Kirka also made a special "THANK YOU" coin which she will give to all that have donated a dollar or more to the A.N.A. The coin will be mailed by Sally after the TEC NEWS is in the mail. A special thanks was given to all that gave.

One of the speakers at the meeting was Angelo Rosato who brought a sample copy of the book he has been writing and gave a very interesting talk about it. All those that looked the book over said, "Fantastic". It was also said by President Kirka to save your money now as really this book is a must to buy. As of now the price could be \$50.00 or higher but its well worth the price and worth waiting for. It will take

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## T.E.C. 1982 ANNUAL MEETING - SECRETARY'S REPORT (cont. from page 4)

a good month or two to read all the pages in the book. This book is a very large book with over a 1,000 pages in it. Take my word for it, it is great.

President Sally Kirka then gave a talk about her hand made Philatelic Numismatic Combined Covers with elongated coins. Sally also hand paints all her covers and many times she paints the elongated coins to go with the covers. Sally received many requests to buy some of her covers but what she had there were from her personal collection.

Irving Canter will be sent the Presidents Award as he did the most to help the president during the past year. Also Irving Canter was the winner of the Literary Award for 1982 for the best articles in TEC NEWS. These awards will be sent to him.

Frank Brazzell auctioned off all the donated coins that were sent in and Frank also donated some very nice coin sets. These really were very good and some people have one of a kind. The profit from the auction was \$208.00 for the TEC treasury. Thanks to all who have donated and especially to Frank Brazzell for his large donation and the fine auction he conducted.

Any roller who had some new coins or had anything to show was asked to speak about it as a lot of nice elongated coins were there.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Then Frank Brazzell and Sally Kirka handed out envelopes to all the TEC members and guests that had attended the meeting. This was the best this year as almost everyone received about 40 elongated coins each. Frank even gave out two glass bottles with elongated coins in them to each member that was at the TEC meeting. So everyone received some nice goodies. President Sally Kirka and I wish to thank all who have donated for the meeting or helped in any way. Because of your kindness given us we had a very successful TEC meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Kirka - Secretary

## NOTICE

The 1982 TEC membership list is printed. This was not a must to do one at all, or is it in our by-laws to go to the expense of making one. With printing and postage so high this is out of line. We were never to provide a list for the dealers. A dealer should put in an ad in TEC NEWS and people will buy if they want their coins. Also in each issue we list the new members names and addresses. The members that are interested should write all this down for their own record. Believe me this is a lot of extra work for a non-paid worker.

So as of now we have a membership list ready and do to high cost of everything those of you that want the membership list can send the Secretary a large stamped addressed envelope and we will gladly send you a latest membership list. Even after a week or so some addresses are already wrong because you didn't send us your correct address. Not all really want one but those that do will gladly send for this. Most of the time an address is put in with the dealers ad, when he sells his coins and when you write to him you give your correct address. If you had changed your address lately, please send it to the secretary at once. If you lose your TEC NEWS you do not get another coin as at times we don't get enough to cover what members we already have.

The deadline for articles and ads is November 20, 1982. Please if you have an article please send right in. Do not wait for the last minute, as it just may not make the issue at all.

## T.E.C. BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors meeting was held Tuesday, August 17, 1982, at the Sheraton Boston Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts.

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Kirka at 10 a.m. Those in attendance were President Sally Kirka, Secretary Al Kirka, Treasurer Jack Huggins, Sr. and Directors Cliff Roth and Irving Canter.

A discussion was held about TEC NEWS, and the TEC NEWS will remain at 20 pages and hopefully we can keep sending the TEC NEWS 1st class mail for 37¢

Since Sally and Al do everything they can, such as typing up all the articles, addressing envelopes by hand, stapling the pages together, folding them all, sealing envelopes, stamping envelopes, etc. It was discussed to see how much it would cost to get labels addressed for the TEC NEWS so it would help a little. The editor will look into the cost of some of these things.

More good articles about elongated coins only are needed. It was said to keep the articles down to one page or else they will be put in two issues. Articles must be about elongated coins or something to do with elongated coins or the article will not be used.

A new smaller membership application was made and we think this was a good idea to use at our TEC table at the A.N.A. convention. We can also send these to the members. Only three will be sent to a member for the asking. Many members have never even used three. So please don't ask for more as we can't waste any.

The editor explained why the membership list was not made, although this isn't in our by-laws to do this every year. Due to the secretary being in the hospital so often these past few months this was held up. President Sally Kirka said, they are hoping to get one done if possible for the October or January issue. They will leave out some stories, so the membership list can take the place of some pages. It would be too much expense to have this printed separate and mailed this way.

The Board members were asked to answer their letters in 24 hours as one or two members take a good six weeks to answer a letter. One didn't bother to answer their letter at all. If an officer is so busy, that they can't write, they should not have taken the job.

A TEC NEWS coin is not a must as in other years, this was being done for the TEC members only because the coins were donated to TEC for this. We will only give the coins only while they last, as at times we do not receive enough to go around.

President Sally Kirka thanked the Board members for a very nice meeting and asked them all to work together to make another good year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Al kirka - Secretary

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

For The Period From July 6, 1981 Thru July 31, 1982

Balance of Cash Available For Use, July 6, 1981, last report      \$      2,679.17

Receipts:

Dues	\$	1,295.00
Advertising		175.00
Interest		172.13
ANA=Donations		196.00
Badges		174.66
Donations		94.00
Sundry		<u>14.98</u>

Total Receipts      2,121.77

Total To Account For      \$      4,800.94

Disbursements:

Two Text Books	\$	44.00
Membership Coins		50.00
Dues		23.00
President Office Stamps		68.80
Secretary Office Stamps		18.00
Historian Office Stamps		10.65
Treasurer Office Stamps		10.00
Secretary Office Expenses		88.04
Newsletter expenses		17.92
Printing Newsletter		896.56
Postage Newsletter		<u>358.75</u>

Total Disbursements      1,585.72

Balance of Cash Available For Use, July 31, 1982      (note 1)      \$      3,215.22

Note 1 of this balance of \$ 3,215.22 we owe ANA. 196.00, leaving actual cash of \$ 3,019.22.

Respectively submitted:

*Jack D. Huggins C.P.A.*  
 Jack D. Huggins, C. P. A.

## A.N.A. CONVENTION IN BOSTON

BY SALLY KIRKA  
MANCHESTER, CONN.

This year I wasn't sure Al and I would make the A.N.A. Convention. On July 16th Al had his 4th heart failure, so while Al was in intensive care, I was at the hospital eight and nine hours a day. So at this time I was late getting my things ready for TEC and the A.N.A. Convention in Boston, Mass.

By August 13th Al was only home a week and was on oxygen and in a wheel-chair. We received an O.K. from Al's Doctor to go, but if Al had any sign of trouble we were to rush Al to a hospital, or come home at once. Our last minute rush began and while Al was sleeping I got everything packed to leave.

When we arrived at the hotel I needed a few hours rest which by then I badly needed. Later I took Al in wheel-chair and walked around. It wasn't crowded yet so we got to see many things.

On Saturday Irving Canter came and took me to another collectors convention and then he and Elliott Goldberg took me to the A.V.A banquet. We saw a film of the first horse drawn carriage, or as now called buses in and around Boston. Sunday was more of a lazy day as we did take it easy. Irving and I again went to the A.N.A. committee get together at night and here we had a tour of the Bourse room before the dealers took over. Believe me it was a beautiful job of setting up. You have to give credit to the workers on a job well done.

Monday was exhibit set up or go to the professional dealers day. We somehow were busy from then on as I had to get ready for the TEC Board meeting. The Board meeting was very nice as we all got together about everything. I was pleased with all. Then we were all off to the midway to the TEC table. I received lot of help from the TEC members. We were in a nice place and someone coming over and asking about our club. Thanks to all who helped in any way. We were lucky too, as a few paid their dues and we did get one or two new members.

Wednesday morning Al and I went to the Ambassadors breakfast that the Numismatic News invites us to every year. We really enjoyed this as we had a good meal and a nice friendly program and visited with our many friends. From there Al and I had to rush out and change his oxygen tank and back to the same room for a luncheon at the S.P.A.N. meeting where to my surprise I received the "Woman of the Year" award. I'm a little shook up yet as honest it took me by surprise. After a nice meal and program it was back to the Bourse room to the TEC table. This was one day Al wanted to go as like that Al spent most of the time in the room. Just being home from the hospital a week Al couldn't do all the things he wanted to do. Al sat in his wheel-chair while we in front we all got busy. As TEC members went by they stopped by and talked and helped themselves to a few elongated coins we were giving out, thanks to Frank Brazzell, Brad Ream and their friend Bernie Myles. So those that stopped everyday really got some good coins.

Thursday was another busy day as lot of covers to be canceled and I wanted more new half dollars. Although the price was high I wanted to be the first to roll the half dollar and on August 21st I rolled out one of the new \$8.50 half dollars. I was glad I didn't lose it as I'd cry good and loud if I lost this. It did come out good and I felt good. Although something going on everynight Al and I tried to take it easy to. Most nights we would end up in the lobby where members stopped by and said hello. We did go to our room early as lot of things to get ready for the TEC meeting. While Al fell asleep I worked for a few hours getting the free coins ready to give out on Friday at our annual TEC meeting.

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## A.N.A. CONVENTION IN BOSTON, MASS.

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Friday morning Al and I were ready early for the TEC meeting. People started to come in early and we all visited. Many of our members had coins for sale. If you didn't look and buy some you missed a lot of good deals as many good elongated coins around. One of our TEC member who had a table in the Bourse room had some good older coins for sale. This was your chance to see them and buy the oldies. Angie Rosato gave us all a very interesting talk on his new book. You'll have to buy the book to see for yourself. All I can say is WOW, what a great book this is! I myself think we had a great meeting as many interesting things went on. We had a room full and I'm sure everyone enjoyed it.

Saturday morning Al and I were both very tired and we were glad Chet Grabowski came to drive us home. Al couldn't drive and my diabetes was getting the best of me. When the floor kept moving for me, we took off for home, but quick! We didn't have time to say good-bye as we left by 11 a.m. and were home by 1 p.m. It was good to go, but good to get home too. Now after a few days rest its rush to get the TEC NEWS out. If the good Lord willing we will see you all next year. Thanks to all of you for making our meeting that much better. As I keep telling Al God will help us through and I'm sure he did.

"SYLVESTER"

BY VANCE FOWLER  
SALEM, OREGON

Often, when I send out my free test run elongated coins to T.E.C. members I receive notes of inquiry desiring some historical information on a particular issue. If this is of any interest to other members then perhaps it can be printed in the newsletter. Most of my elongated coin issues are from dies that I design and engrave myself for use in my unattended automatic machines. One of my most recent engravings has just been placed in the world famous Ye Olde Curiosity Shop on the waterfront in Seattle, Washington.

The elongated coin is a penny and is a vertical design with the words across the top "Ye Olde Curiosity Shop" and "Seattle, Wa." across the bottom. In the body is the distorted image of a man standing in a desert setting. He is known as "Sylvester."

About 1895, two wondering cowboys riding through the Gila Bend Desert of central Arizona came upon the nude body of a man half-buried in the treacherous shifting sands. The body was exhumed and carried to a nearby town for possible identification. It has remained unidentified.

The body is of a man about 45 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs at present 137 pounds. He weighed about 225 pounds originally. Death came through a gunshot wound in the stomach and accompanying stains are plainly visible to this day. Scientists have said that this is a perfect example of natural dehydration, claiming that the action of the hot sands and possible chemicals contained therein together with the dry air, produced this condition within 24 hours after death. This prevented any form of decomposition.

Hair, mustache, eye lashes, teeth and nails - in fact, every detail of the entire body is perfect. "Sylvester" may be seen at the world famous Ye Olde Curiosity shop, 601 Alaskan Way, Pier 51, Seattle, Washington.

The elongated machine sits just a few feet away currently and visitors can make their own souvenir of the desert mummy for 50¢ and their own penny. If your up that way why not buy the coin and see the mummy.

ON JULY 4, 1982 A RETURN TO THE STATUE

BY ABE GEFTER  
NEW YORK, N.Y.

The tablet in the left hand of the Statue of Liberty carries the inscription July 4, 1776 in Roman numerals. Now July 4, 1982 I decided to visit my "Fair Lady" again. I don't remember how many times I have visited this Statue.

"Of all the Worlds Statues none can be more instantly recognizable than the torch bearing Statue of Liberty". This quotation from the book "The United States of America", by Lee Thomas.

Why is it? I believe it is because millions and millions of people from all over the world saw the Statue at one time or another. Most of them saw the Statue when they arrived in the United States of America, when their boat entered the N.Y. Harbor and there she stood majestically on her pedestal with the torch in her outstretched right arm lighting the way and welcoming everyone who came to our shores.

I came to the United States Oct. 12, 1920 as a young boy. Since Oct. 12th was a legal holiday and Ellis Island was closed the boat I came on remained anchored in the harbor and I could see the Statue very clearly. Of course I did not comprehend the enormity of her size.

Since I visited the Statue many times before and also wrote about my "Fair Lady" in TEC NEWS I believe it would be appropriate to tell you something about her statistics.

The Statue stands on Liberty Island, formerly Bedlows Island and is under the supervision of the U.S. National Park Service. Height from pedestal to torch is 305 feet one inch. Height from base to torch is 151 feet, 1 inch. Length of right hand is 16 feet, 5 inches. Length of index finger is eight feet. Size of finger nail is 13x10 inches. Head thickness from ear to ear is 10 feet. Distance across the eye is two feet. Length of nose is 4 feet, 6 inches. Length of right arm is 42 feet. Right arm greatest thickness is 12 feet. Thickness of waist is 35 feet. Width of mouth, 3 feet. Tablet length is 23 feet, 7 inches. Tablet width, 13 feet, 7 inches. Tablet thickness is 2 feet. Height of Granite Pedestal is 89 feet. Height of foundation 65 feet. Weight of copper used in Statue 100 tons. Weight of steel used in Statue 125 tons. Copper sheeting of Statue 3/32 inch thick.

There is a keeper of the torch flame and he goes up a ladder in the arm of the Statue once a week to check the light in the torch, temperature in the summer is 1.150 degrees.

Because of the popularity of the Statue many cranks use the Statue for their own selfish reasons. About 10:30 a.m. Sept. 15, 1981 a homeless 21 year old man dressed in a red jacket and wearing an "I love New York T-Shirt smashed an observation window in the base of the Statues crown. He then climbed the few feet onto the head of Miss Liberty and began to shower leaflets announcing his candidacy for Mayor of N.Y. and demanded an interview on radio and T.V. The only "interview" he got is with the police. They grabbed him and pulled him inside through the broken window.

In another article in the TEC NEWS I will describe the inner construction of the Statue which was a great engineering feat in itself.

There are many and many elongated coins made of this famous Statue.

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John Izzo of 411 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, N.J. 07072 had a very serious operation after he arrived home from the A.N.A. Convention in Boston. We all wish him a speedy recovery and hope he may soon will be up and around. A get well card would be very much appreciated by John from the members. You never know when you will be in the same boat, so why not show him we do care. God Bless you John.

## THE ANGELS' FLIGHT

BY CECIL E. WALLS  
ORANGE, CALIF.

The Angels' Flight was built in 1901 by Colonel J.W. Eddy using his own finances and offering Mayor M.P. Snyder the first ride. With an observation tower rising 100 feet above the station over the mouth of the third street tunnel commanding a view of the distant San Gabriel Mountains.

For 68 years it traveled up and down the 33 percent grade 325 feet between Olive and Hill Streets, beloved rolling stock, tourists laughing stock a two car railway from 6:00 a.m. to 12:15 a.m. It carried passengers from the wealthy community clustered on the summit of Bunker Hill to the Commercial Drama of Downtown Los Angeles. For 5¢ or 6¢ for a quarter as many as 12,000 passengers a day. Dwindling to about 3,000 in the 1940's, a total of 10 million people rode 15.5 million miles.

Locals liked to brag about having the worlds shortest railway. It wasn't so, a scenic lift in Iowa beat Angels' Flight by a few feet. It was a colorful, useful and profitable Mass Transit System. Running parallel to the third street Tunnel. In 1924 for instance it turned a tidy \$13,835.00 net profit. The tower was taken down and the Mansions razed to make way for Urban Renewal.

In 1962 the Community Redevelopment Agency purchased Angels' Flight from the private owners for \$35,000.00. The Los Angeles Heritage Board named Angels' Flight a Historical Monument as part of its first Public Proclamation.

The Railway reached the official end of the line in 1969. Elevated tracks were all torn down. The two cars "Olivet" and "Sinai" were re-routed to a storage warehouse. The Community Redevelopment Agency had promised to restore service and tradition as soon as Bunker Hill began new life as the center of local commerce and culture.

The people wrote letters to the newspaper demanding the return of the Flight. The Council members assured the people that restoration was on track although they couldn't promise just when or where. Patient citizens are still waiting. Safety experts say the cars stored at 25th and Hoover Street are suffering from dry rot and couldn't meet modern transit standards. Any restoration of Angels' Flight would have to be a reconstruction process perhaps a couple of the details from the old cars could be install for nostalgia.

Here a city over 200 years old with remnants of a Railway that ran for 68 years, still wondering what piece of our past are most worth restoring or resurrecting. Angels' Flight lives out of sight but in memory, in promise, in pictures and in name. The Restaurant Bar revolving around the top of the downtown Hyatt Regency is called Angels' Flight, It only goes in circles like old promises. A toast to Yesterday!

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## WHAT IS A REAL ERROR?

BY SALLY KIRKA  
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This is only my own opinion of what real errors on elongated coins are. A real error elongated coin is something you didn't do intentionally. I know as I roll my own elongated coins and until I set the pressure just right you make errors or what I call off center elongated coins. I know if you don't change the pressure or set it right you can make as many of the same kind of error coins as you want. To me that's not what I call a true error on an elongated coin.

Now what I call a real error is something that comes out that really surprises even you. Also you couldn't do it again no matter how you tried. This does happen to the rollers of elongated coins!

The other day I tried rolling more convention coins on quarters and tokens. So this means you have to change the pressure for all different coins that you roll. I tried to roll one coin about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches or longer. Now the pressure is real tight and unless you are another Tarzen, it's very hard for me to do. Anyhow I'll give it a try.

First as I was pushing the coin in with the left hand, you have to roll with the right hand. I roll all my coins by hand as I can do a much better job by hand. Now this is a trick to do in itself. Well, when the coins catch, then you turn the handle as best you can with both hands. If the pressure is too tight I can lift the bench and all off the floor where this heavy rolling machine is. Boy, the machine was fighting me but I was determined to roll that coin! I rolled part way and the machine wouldn't move further. I wasn't going to give up yet as one way or another I was going to roll the coin. So I kept on trying until I finally move it a little at a time.

When I finished rolling this coin I got it the  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches that I wanted but what an error I made! I knew my die was made alright but the coin came out double in places or what I call a shift die when rolling the coin. How this was done I do not know, but the word convention or CON came out with vention doubled up letters slightly higher. Also T.E.C. came out double with part of T.E.C. coming out twice. Yet nothing else is double and all this is in the middle of the coin. Now this has to be a true error elongated coin as I could never do it again no matter how I tried.

The way I see it is when the machine got stuck where I couldn't move it and then I got it to move, the coin moved a little as I know the die stays in place. I also did this with the award coin which I had the die made about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch longer so I could use better on all coins. By the time I set the pressure I made another good error. As I had to set the pressure longer than for regular die I made the pressure too tight. Then I started to roll and that coin was really a doozy to roll. I rolled part way and again machine wouldn't move. By then you get so mad you're determined to finish rolling the coin. It really was a very tough one but again I slowly somehow rolled more of coin but just could not finish it all. So I said I'd roll it backward, where I started from.

As I looked at coin I had half of award coin showing on top of coin and below that the whole owl came out perfect. This again to me was a true error as I sure didn't expect this. As I turned coin over to see how Lincoln came out there was no Lincoln only the impression of the owl on the reverse. Now how I did this I'll never know, yet when I did try another coin it came out long but perfect. So what I did wrong the first time I do not know. There also is no way I could do it the same exact way. So to me this is a real error. I guess it's all in the way you roll your coins. So if you can only do it once it's an error. Call it what you want to but don't pay a lot of money for an off center coin as these can be done very easily. I bet many rollers have a box full of these off center coins, but are they true errors?

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## "TORNADO"

by John G. Spadone  
Miami, Florida



Tornado maybe just a word to some people, but to those that have experienced one, can tell you the horrors of death and destruction.

Tornado is the most violent whirlwind storm on earth and the most destructive. They have the incredible forces, that can topple large sturdy buildings uproot giant trees, pick up an 80 ton box car and move it 100 feet or send 200 pound objects several miles. What can it do to you?

Tornadoes are formed during unstable weather such as thunderstorms and usually accompanied by rain, hail, lightning and thunder. If it looks like a funnel coming out of dark clouds and moving toward earth. The funnel (made up of cloud material, condensed water vapor) is not dangerous until it gets close or touches earth and only then is it officially called a tornado.

The twister rotates counterclockwise at terrific speeds of over 300 miles per hour within funnel. The 125 MPH winds can cause much damage. This forms a gigantic vacuum in the funnel and sucks up everything in its path.

The forward speed can be 0 to 70 MPH and the long lived ones move at over 40 miles per hour. Most tornadoes move from southwest to northwest but have been known to come from any direction, stop, turn, loop its path. The average tornado can be  $\frac{1}{4}$  miles long, 200 yards wide. The longest tornado path known was 293 miles.

Tornado deaths are caused by head injuries due to falling or flying objects and debris. Therefore everyone should become tornado conscious. Especially during bad weather (thunderstorms). Look at sky for unusual dark clouds and listen to radio, T.V. for tornado watch or warning. Tornado watch means tornadoes are possible and tornado warning means funnel or tornado has been seen, reported, detected by radar. Listen for location and movement and if its close, go indoors or run for nearest shelter. Stay away from windows, doors, chimney and go to lowest level of your house or building. Go into smallest room, closet, bathroom interior hallways. Get under something solid, cover head, in car or mobile home, drive away from tornado at 90 degree angle. If no time get out of car, run for nearest shelter. No shelter, lie flat in nearest ditch, depression, ravine, culvert, etc. Cover head and pray it goes by you without sucking you into funnel. I sure would like to hear from people that have seen or been in its destruction, or that can add anything of interest to this article.

I never thought that I would see a tornado on tokens or elongated coins, but since Florida has been 5th on the list under Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, I thought one elongated coin would be appropriate. I have made three elongated coins with tornado in action, one with tornado safety tips and one rolled on both sides with tornado tips. The singles are 75¢ plus S.A.S.E. The double rolled one is \$1.50 plus S.A.S.E. I do have these on copper or zinc pennies and other denominations. You may write to John G. Spadone, 4872 N.W. 171 Terrace, Miami, Florida 33055 for the elongated coins or more information.



These are the pictures of John Spadone's elongated coins that he has for sale. Anyone wishing to buy elongated coins can write to John for more information. His address is 4872 N.W. 171 Terrace, Miami, Florida 33055. Remember that S.S.A.E. when writing.

## NOTES OF INTEREST

After the July TEC NEWS was mailed out I received word that Richard Townsend, was in a very bad car accident and had over 30 stitches in his head. He was very badly hurt but hopefully hes coming along good by now. Our prayers go with you Richard for a speedy recovery.

Another TEC member who was in the hospital and had an operation was Barbara Izzo. We hope by now you are well and relaxing. Please take care and stay healthy as its no fun being sick. Our prayers go with you my friend and we hope to see you in Boston.

A word of thanks from Al Kirka. Let me thank each and everyone that sent me a get well card, letters and coins. It was greatly appreciated by me Al Kirka to know that my friends really care. Somehow it makes you feel good, or as my wife Sally keeps telling me, it makes you feel better than the pills you have to take. So thanks again to all my TEC friends. Its nice to know your remembered in your prayers. A prayer always helps more then you'll know. God Bless you All.

Thank you John Spadone for the three new issues of your elongated coins on cards for the TEC archives. We appreciate this very much and they will be added to the TEC collection. All coins given to the TEC archives will be put in The TEC NEWS so those donating will know they were received. Thanks again John.

A thank you goes to Cecil Walls and Irving Canter for the elongated coins they both donated to give out at the TEC meeting. All nice coins so TEC members at meeting will have received some nice goodies. I forgot as Irving Canter sent two different coins to give out. So a nice thank you to both of you from the TEC president Sally Kirka and from all the officers.

Novella Watson of Oklahoma also sent in fountain pens to give out at Tec meeting. As long as people send things we will give them out. Pens very good as Al and I had one of these before. Thanks Novella. I also should say that Novella also donated earlier \$50 to TEC to be used as needed by me. This will go toward the awards we give out to the TEC members at the TEC meeting.

Arthur W. Fry of Zenia, Ohio also donated coins for TEC meeting and a few extra to give out as needed. These are used for new members as they join and we have to send back issues. This is really appreciated by me. Thanks folks for your kind generosity as it makes me feel good how everyone came out to help. May the good Lord Bless you all. It also makes me feel proud of each and everyone of you.

Lee J. Liska, 721 Ojai Ave., Sun City Center, Fla. 33570 has designed an elongated holder with a larger space going from corner to corner, which he said will be for all size cents. If anyone is interested in purchasing any of these later, please write to him as these are not made yet. Lee would like your opinion on these. He writes the opening is going to be made large enough to accept all elongated cents. Also they will display the elongated coin with design rolled horizontally or vertically. The mylar will be attached to a hard pressed loone of white color and have a finish to accept printing. Lee believes a holder of this type will be liked and accepted by the collectors. For more information write to Lee J. Liska.

## BUY - SELL - TRADE

FOR SALE; Robert & Sherley Stafford, P.O. Box 1264, Calumet City, Ill. 60409 has around 51 elongated coins for sale, all new issues. The pennies are 50¢ each plus S.S.A.E. and nickels are 75¢ each plus S.S.A.E. Send S.S.A.E. for more information on these coins. They also have a special presentation card as motivational awards for organizations or for people who work with children. They sell these as uniface for 20¢ each postpaid when at least 50 ordered. Please write to them about it.

FOR SALE; John Spadone, 4872 N.W. 171 Terrace, Miami, Fla. 33055 has two new issues for sale. One is of a tornado and the other tells of what to do when or if a tornado hits. Note the tiny engraving on the coin. Some nice work and worth buying to have in your collection. I already have the sample of the coin and I really like what I see. He forgot to tell me the price, so please write to him first.

FOR SALE; Virginia Aldridge, 515 Pinehurst Ave., Colonial Heights, Va., 23834, has one Boston coin for sale at 75¢ each, plus S.S.A.E. It has a chick-a-dee on it.

FOR SALE; Steve Beacher, 3595 N. Norfolk Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46224, a new member has five new issues for sale. These are offered to the TEC members, five for a dollar, plus a S.S.A.E. Make sure you put enough stamps on the envelopes when you order five or more.

FOR SALE; Barbara Izzo, P.O. Box 104, Carlstadt, N.J. 07072 has a beautiful personal elongated coin made and will sell for 50¢ each, plus an S.S.A.E. Its a cute owl on coin.

FOR SALE; Claude Watt, 1237 W. Palm Street, Orange, Calif. 92668 has a nice Paul Bunyan elongated coin for sale for 50¢ each, plus a S.S.A.E.

FOR SALE; Bob Coney, 2627 Myrtle Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51103, has a Cable car and a horse car elongated coin at 75¢ each, plus a S.S.A.E. For more information write to Bob.

FOR SALE; Lee martin, P.O.Box 667, Beaumont, Calif. 92223, still has some of the Yesterday's Elongates books for sale. It could be your last chance to buy one as very few left. Only the soft cover books are left and they are still \$20.00 plus \$2. postage. The other book or the hard cover book is now selling for almost a \$100.00 by some dealers. You can get these that Lee has at the same price he first sold them. So if you still want to buy one, please do so now before they are all sold out.

FOR SALE; Angelo Rosato, 44 Bank Street, New Milford, Conn. 06776, has a good bargain or offers a SURPRISE PACKAGE of 15 yo 20 elongated coins to members FREE. All you have to do is send him \$2. cash as this will help pay for the packaging, postal fees and insurance. He doesn't think he has enough to go around so he will send them on the first come basis. He also told me there are no dupes. I sent for this bargain and I was very pleased with what I had received. All very nice elongated coins that Rosato had made himself. So if you want some goodies why not send for some. For all late comers, please put a stamp in envelope as your money will be returned if the coins are all gone.

The deadline for articles and ads is November 20, 1982. Please if you have an article please send right in. Do not wait for the last minute, as it just may not make the issue at all.



## WHAT A COINCIDENCE

BY SALLY KIRKA  
MANCHESTER, CONN.

On June 22, 1982 I received two nice elongated coins from John Spadone about tornado's and what to do in case a tornado hits your hometown. Now we are not used to having tornado's around here. Little did I know that a small tornado was heading for our town that very minute. As it was, Al was sleeping or rather taking his afternoon siesta. Both of us were in the den relaxing in our chairs. As I relax, I answered John Spadone's letter and thanking him for sending me the nice two elongated coins. It was about 3 p.m. when I was writing and I wrote that I think we were going to have a storm as the sky got very dark. Then I heard what I thought was thunder or a loud noise like thunder.

Now we aren't a town that expects any tornado's here, so as I sat there I told myself I guess we will have a bad storm. Before I knew what happened I heard all kind of noises and rain came down like I never seen before. For a second I thought a few planes flew low over the house. I ran to the window to see what was going on as the wind was blowing like crazy.

By the time Al and I ran to the front door to look out, the rain came so fast I couldn't see the house across the street. Never in my life have I ever seen rain come down so fast! Not thinking it was a tornado we just kept looking out and wondering what was happening. In about five minutes it was all over and the sun came out as if nothing ever happened. Yet what five minutes can do?

As we looked around the yard you could see branches from the trees all over the yard! The lawn chairs were all over. We were real lucky as we didn't lose much as many trees were down in about a five mile path in our town. It really was a mess all around and only took five minutes of a storm to do all the damage this storm did.

What a coincidence to be holding the elongated coin and reading as to what to do if you saw a tornado coming. Believe me the tornado was so fast you really don't have time to run anywhere. It came and was gone before I knew what hit our town. We were very lucky, but I feel sorry for those that lost much more than we did. It may take a year or so to build a new home but a tornado can blow it apart in two or three minutes. In a way its good to know what to do, when the sky gets black and you hear that thunderous noise. Run for the basement at once and don't go look out the window as I did.

So was this a coincidence or a warning that a tornado can hit anywhere in anytown or what? I know the next time I'll run for the basement and hope and pray it doesn't hit here again.

To buy these two elongated coins write to John Spadone. More of these two elongated coins on the BUY-SELL-TRADE pages. They were nice coins and a very good idea.

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## TEC 1983 DUES

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Remember send your dues made out to TEC and mail to Secretary Al Kirka to the above address. Will appreciate your help on this.

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## TEC 1982 BADGE

All the names below have ordered a 1982 TEC badge and now can send a check of \$5.00 for their badge. This includes the postage to. All those that sent in \$4.50 by mail, still owe TEC 50¢ more. We only sold the TEC badges at the A.N.A Convention in Boston for \$4.50. By mail its \$5.00 each.

So please send in your \$5.00 check made out to TEC for your badge and send it to Mrs. Sally Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040. All the money goes into the TEC treasury. If you don't send for your TEC badge by March 1st, 1983 we will sell them to anyone who may want one to buy one. So please if you had ordered one, send in your money now. Will appreciate your help on this.

This is how TEC used to make a little extra money for TEC. Yet fewer and fewer members buy or order one. So this may be our last year on this. In order to keep this up we must make some extra money. The idea of this badge was to make these for the TEC members only so that would be the only way to get one. Also this would make it a rare collectors item. Some of the badges now cost as high as \$35.00 and up to \$50. for the low mintage badges. So if you want a TEC badge for 1983, why not order one when you send for your 1982 badge. Only orders will be taken for the 1983 badges. Please do not send in the money. If we don't get more orders then we did this year I will give up this idea.

These are the members that have ordered a 1982 badge. If your name is listed below, please send your check of \$5.00 for each badge you had ordered. Harry Rhodes, Harold Snyder, Marie Triny, Phil Wager, David Yamarino, Eric Goodman, Francis Szczpanik, Lloyd Wagaman, Arthur Smith, William Pezzano, Lester Besse, Walter Hoffman Jr, Thomas Barni, Richard Sharon, Jack Wilcox, Michael Goecke, Carl Goss, Elton Parsons, Lyle Brooks, Lee Liska, Dottie Dow, Bob Dadson, Novella Watson, Samuel Ching, Raymond Dillard, Ralph Wright, Harold Boulware, Louis Wejnert, Richard Townsend, Claud Watt and Robert Stafford.

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## COINS DONATED

The elongated coin given with this issue of TEC NEWS was donated by Irving Canter of Brooklyn, New York. It is a coin of an owl and that he is a TEC Board of Director from 1981 to 1983. A special thank you goes to you Irving for your nice coin from all of us. This is a special elongated coin because it is rolled on a dime.

## WE LOST A GOOD FRIEND

BY Sally Kirka  
Manchester, Conn

In July I had a lot of my own problems so I was really busy. I received a very sad letter from one of the TEC Board of Directors Cliff Roth that he had lost his wife Bernie Roth. Believe me tears came down my eyes when I read this letter.

Bernie Roth beloved wife of Cliff Roth passed away on July 15, 1982 at Encino, California. Services were held July 20th at the Old North Church and services were conducted by Reverend Joseph M. Reeves, St. Bede Episcopal Church, West Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Roth was buried at the Garden of Heritage, Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, California.

Those that knew Bernie called her the beautiful lady as she really was a beautiful lady. She was a tiny lady and at her age she was the best dressed lady at each convention. Those of us who sat with her in the lobby used to love to hear her tell us stories of how she dressed some of the many movie stars in Hollywood. Believe me we enjoyed her visits every year and looked forward to more stories.

Bernie and Cliff celebrated their 50th anniversary in Cincinnati, Ohio at the A.N.A. Convention.

Last year in New Orleans I could see poor Bernie was getting weaker but Bernie told me she had to come and sit in the lobby with all the TEC members as we always had such fun. We at times had 25 - 30 people around us. Someone was always stopping by all the time. When it came time to say good-bye, Bernie told me not to say it. I then had a feeling and maybe she did too, that we would not be seeing each other again.

I hope God welcomed her into Heaven as I know she went there. She was a kind sweet person and I know Al and I missed her very much this year. I'm sure all the others did too. So long my friend Bernie Roth.

Our deepest sympathy to you Cliff Roth from all the TEC officers and from all the members.

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NOTES OF INTEREST

Roy Fowler has asked me if anyone knew why the Kiwi coloring he used on his coins globs up as he calls it. He wanted to know how does he clean this up. He tried heat, solvent to clean different paints and dyes. If anyone can help him in any way, why not give him a helping hand. This is the coloring that he uses on the backs of his coins. At this time I do not know if this is a spray or what? Sorry about this. So any of you who roll coins and can help Roy, why not write to him or write an article for TEC NEWS about this. How about it folks? Can you help?

Many use different spray coloring or what ever. Lets hear from some. So far I find Deft spray very good if not put on to heavy. If put on Heavy Lincoln does not stand out and even I don't like it if I cant see Lincoln. I myself wash the new coins to get the grease off. You don't see it but its there. Deft spray has stuck to the coins with out washing. I'd say try different things and ways and then do what for you is the best way. Lets hear from others who have problems and lets see if we can help each other. Theres room for all of us.

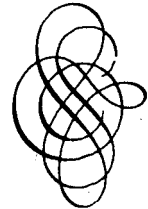
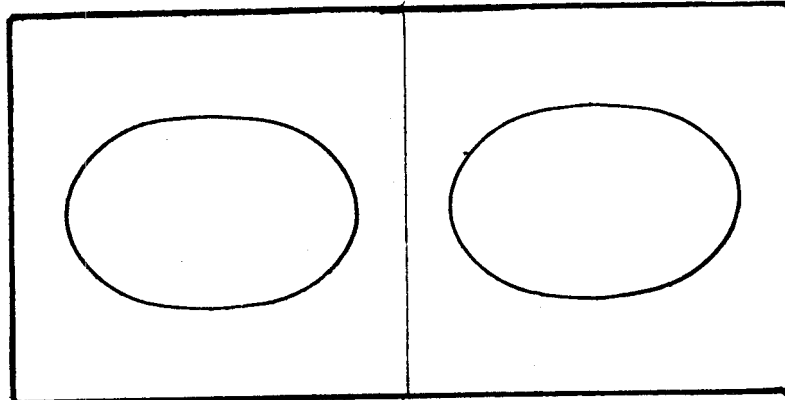
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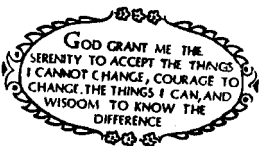
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